

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 23, 2003. Claims 1-27, 29 and 31-33 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended and claim 2 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-27, 29 and 31-33 remaining pending.

Amended Claims

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 2. No new matter has been presented and a new search is not required.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 2-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner also indicated that claims 15-27, 29, and 31-33 were allowed.

Applicants gratefully appreciate the Examiner's indication. In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 as noted above. Therefore, based on the Examiner's indications, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, and 3-14 are allowable over the cited references.

Conclusion

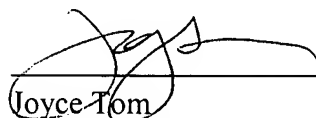
In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1, 3-27, 29, and 31-33, as now presented, are allowable over the cited references and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and objections to the claims, as now presented.

Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,
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